

**REMARKS****Summary of the Office Action**

The specification stands objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter.

Claims 5 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,382,202 to Chau-Ngoc et al. ("*Chau-Ngoc*") in view of German Patent DE3446296 to Amann et al. ("*Amann*").

Claims 1, 4, and 7 are allowed.

**Summary of the Response to the Office Action**

Applicants amend the specification. Applicants cancel claims 5 and 6. Accordingly, claims 1, 4, and 7 are pending, with claims 1, 4, and 7 allowed.

**The Objection to the Specification**

The specification stands objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. Applicants amend the specification in accordance with the comments in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to the specification be withdrawn.

**All Claims Define Allowable Subject Matter**

Claims 5 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Chau-Ngoc* in view of *Amann*. Claims 1, 4, and 7 are allowed. Applicants cancel claims 5 and 6. Accordingly, all pending claims are allowed.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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